(d) if so, die main recommendations made by the task force; and

(e) if not, by when the task force has been asked to submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A proposal is under consideration to set up a National Mission for Land and Watershed Development in the Department of Land Resources and to transfer watershed and soil conservation related activities from different Ministries to the Department of Land Resources.

(c) to (e) The Task Force set up to encourage and promote corporate involvement in wastelands development through the mobilization of additional resource support, is expected to submit its report in December, 2002.

Land to landless families for housing

863. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan to allot land on priority basis to the rural landless families for housing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme will be funded fully by the Central Government; and

(d) by when the scheme is expected to be initiated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. There is no Scheme of this kind in this Ministry.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Guidelines on SGRY

864. PROF. RAMDEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of RURAL PEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines to State Governments on Sampuran Grameen Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some State Government have requested for its revision;

(d) if so, the details of their objections; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure the implementation of the guidelines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The detailed Guidelines of the Sampooma Grameen Rozgar Yozana (SGRY) have been issued on 21 st August 2002. The main objectives of the Scheme are to provide additional wage employment in the rural areas and thereby to provide food security and improve nutritional levels and also to create rural infrastructure. The Scheme is implemented through the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).

(c) and (d) The Guidelines were prepared in consultation with the State Governments and these have been accepted by them. While no request has been received for revision of these Guidelines, some State have asked for exemption from distribution of foodgrains under the scheme.

(e) Detailed ipstruction have been given in the Guidelines to ensure proper implementation of the Scheme.

Central team to ascertain the functioning of IAY

865. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central team has been set up or sent to Tamil Nadu and other States to ascertain the functioning and other aspects of Indira Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) No Central Team from this Ministry has been sent to any State exclusively to ascertain the functioning and other aspects of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), as the Ministry has its own well defined system of monitoring and evaluating its programmes including LAY.